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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed references.

This IDS is being filed before an Office Action has been issued in this application, and hence there is no filing fee and this IDS must be considered per Rule 97(b)(1).

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, <u>prompt</u> notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Dated: April 3, 2002

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